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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: STATE 228299

1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WILL NOT BE IN LONDON OCTOBER 5 (OR 4). (SECRETARY CROSLAND WILL ALSO BE ABSENT -- AT UNGA IN NEW YORK.) IS MEETING DESIRED WITH ANY OTHER OFFICIAL AS ALTERNATIVE TO PRIME MINISTER? IF SO, HMG WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO AS TO SUBJECTS ENVISAGED FOR DISCUSSION.

2. FYI: FCO WONDERING WHETHER PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WAS ENVISAGED AS COURTESY CALL OR DISCUSSION ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. IF COURTESY CALL, FCO INTERLOCUTOR HAS INFORMALLY SUGGESTED AS ALTERNATIVE, IN CALLAGHAN'S ABSENCE' A CALL ON EITHER LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS MICHAEL FOOT, OR LORD PRIVY SEAL AND LEADER OF THE LORDS FRED PEART, PLUS POSSIBLY A CALL ON THE SPEAKER OF THE COMMONS. IF PURPOSE WAS TO HOLD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION, ALTERNATIVE TO CALLAGHAN WOULD DEPEND ON SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED.

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